

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Friday, November 8, 1985

GEORGE N. GRAY
CHAIRMAN

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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Vice-Chairman Jack Cappel, presiding:

Members Present:

Mr. Lyle Crain
Dr. Don Hines
Mr. Dale Vinet

Mr. J. Burton Angelle was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of October 4, 1985 were approved. Motion by Mr. Vinet, seconded by Dr. Hines and approved unanimously.

At Tuesday's meeting Harry Schafer gave the Survey Report. During the period of September 30-October 31, 1985 137 surveys were scheduled, 75 were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Lease rental collected was \$1,400.74, survey fees collected were \$1,595.70 and 26 new leases were issued.

Harry Schafer presented a resolution to ratify lifting of oyster moratorium which was adopted at the regular monthly meeting Friday, August 9, 1985. Mr. Vinet made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hines to accept this ratification which was approved unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

Harry also presented a resolution to close Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Ground. Mr. Vinet made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hines and passed unanimously to approve the resolution.

(The full text of the resolution
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, RS 56:433 E authorized the Commission at one of its regularly scheduled meetings and after hearing input from oyster industry members, to require size limitations and closures after January 1 of each year, and

WHEREAS, RS 56:433 F removes the size for the commercial harvesting of oysters on the "Public Grounds", and

WHEREAS, Department personnel surveying the grounds in October and utilizing the historical data develop managerial recommendations, and

WHEREAS, these recommendations were presented to the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association on October 26, 1985, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the three (3) inch size limitation as it pertains to the commercial harvesting of oysters on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds be reinstated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the oyster seed ground areas of the "Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation" and the area adjoining it in the area referred to as Bay Crabe be closed beginning 12:01 AM January 1, 1986 for the remainder of the season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action be done under the emergency rules of the Administrative Procedures Act.

At Tuesday's meeting representatives from Shell Offshore, Inc. and Geo Seismic Services discussed the seismic operations using the latest seismic technology. They do not utilize explosive shot holes; instead; air guns are used on or just beneath the surface of the water. The Commission will take this request under consideration to be decided upon at a later date.

Dr. Stuart Paulas presented a slide series with detailed information concerning the waterfowl research being done by the Fur and Refuge Division.

At Tuesday's meeting Ray Montet went over the case report for the Enforcement Division for the month of September, 1985. He also gave a report on the activities of his men during the last hurricane Juan.

Kerney Sonnier, District VI Supervisor in Opelousas presented a slide series for his talk on the activities of the District VI wildlife management areas. This was also done at Tuesday's meeting.

Hugh Bateman presented a resolution to the Commission pertaining to the use of ATVs by Handicapped hunters. Dr. Hines made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crain and unanimously accepted the resolution. Senator McPherson also spoke in behalf of Act 562.

(The full text of the resolution
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, Act 562 passed during the 1985 session of the Legislature authorized the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules and regulations to allow disabled hunters to use motor vehicles on roads and trails which are normally closed to public use, and

WHEREAS, the Department's Game Division has developed general provisions to issue special handicapped permits for hunters, and

WHEREAS, we have been requested to make these special permits available for the 1985-86 wildlife management area deer seasons, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission responding to Act 562 and under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act approves the issuance of special ATV permits for disabled hunters on Department owned wildlife management areas under the guidelines developed and recommended by the Department.

Bennie Fontenot presented a resolution regarding triploid grass carp. Mr. Vinet made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hines to accept this resolution which was passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, numerous requests from the citizens of this state are received on a continual basis by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to permit the importation, stocking and use of triploid grass carp to control aquatic vegetation in lakes and other waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, there is potential use of triploid grass carp to control aquatic vegetation if they are proved to be sterile and if production methods of this fish are found to be reliable, and

WHEREAS, the possible effects of this fish in our waters, if it were to successfully propagate, could be devastating to our native fishes, desirable aquatic vegetation and waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the Fish Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has proposed a research project involving the effects of triploid grass carp on native fishes and aquatic plants; and, would also investigate the degree of sterility of adult triploid grass carp; and

WHEREAS, the Fish Division has obtained the use and control of a 100 acre lake that is isolated from other waterbodies, is not subject to flooding and is posted to the public, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby encourage and recommend that the triploid grass carp project be conducted as proposed by the Fish Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The March meeting was set for Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th and 6th in Baton Rouge.

Election of officers was held and Dr. Cappel is Chairman and Mr. Crain is Vice-Chairman. This was voted in unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Cappel at 11:05 AM.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN BATON ROUGE,
LOUISIANA ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1985.

WHEREAS, the commission imposed a moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications at its meeting on April 25th 1978 to allow the Survey Section to process the backlog of oyster lease applications and

WHEREAS, the Oyster and Shrimp Committee held public hearings in Houma on June 11, 1985 and in Kenner on June 12, 1985 to receive input on the proposed rules for the lifting of the moratorium.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission that the moratorium on the taking of oyster lease application be lifted in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

A.

1. No application will be accepted that will cause an applicant to exceed a total of 1000 acres under lease and application. Ref. R.S. 56:432.
2. Applications will remain in effect for a period of three years. At the end of three years any applications not surveyed by this department or a private surveyor will be cancelled.
3. Upon death of an applicant the estate will have 180 days to appoint a representative to deal with the survey of applications. If the department has not been notified within 180 days the application will be cancelled and survey fees will be retained.

B. Application Procedure

1. A total of 350 applications for new area will be accepted in 1985.
2. Upon lifting of the moratorium a date will be set for the taking of

appointments to make applications.

3. Each appointment will be for a 30 minute period and will allow the applicant to make one (1) application.
4. If all applicants have received applications and there are still openings, an applicant can go to the end of the line and make another appointment for one (1) application. An applicant may continue to go to the end of the line and make appointments as long as applications are available.
5. In subsequent years the number of applications not surveyed by August 1 will be determined. This number will be subtracted from a base of 500 to determine the number of applicants to be accepted. On October 1 appointments will be taken and the rules in paragraphs B-3 and B-4 will apply.

C.

1. The survey application fees for new area will be changed as follows:

<u>ACRES</u>	<u>OLD FEES</u>	<u>NEW FEES</u>
a. 10 acres or less	\$30.00	\$100.00
b. 11-20 acres	\$120.00	\$150.00
c. 21-200 acres	\$2.00 additional for each acre after 20	\$2.50 additional for each acre after 20
d. 201-1000	\$1.00 additional for each acre after 200	\$1.50 additional for each acre after 200

2. The survey application fees for leases expiring by 15-year limitation will be changed as follows:

<u>ACRES</u>	<u>OLD FEES</u>	<u>NEW FEES</u>
a. 10 acres or less	\$50.00	\$70.00
b. 11-20 acres	\$75.00	\$105.00
c. 21-200 acres	\$1.25 additional for each acre after 20	\$1.75 additional for each acre after 20
d. 201-1000	\$0.65 additional for each acre after 200	\$1.15 additional for each acre after 200

3. The survey application fees for restakes will be changed as follows:

	<u>SHOTPOINT</u>	<u>OLD FEE</u>	<u>NEW FEE</u>
One's own lease:	Each	\$20.00	\$25.00
Another's lease:	First two	\$80.00	\$90.00
	Each additional	\$40.00	\$50.00